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46/81. Declaration on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenants on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Mindful that the International Covenants on Human Rights constitute the first all-embracing and legally binding international treaties in the field of human rights,

Recalling on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Covenants, the fundamental importance and special status of these basic human rights instruments of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the importance of the observance and effective implementation of the universally recognized standards in the field of human rights as contained in the Covenants,

Solemnly declares that acceptance of the International Covenants on Human Rights contributes greatly to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and urges all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1/ and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1/ and to consider acceding to the Optional Protocols to the latter at the earliest moment.

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1/ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.